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REP. LYONS, 146th Dist.

REP. AMANN, 118th Dist.

REP. WARD, 86th Dist.

REP. GIBBONS, 150th Dist.

***RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF
DOROTHY K. OSLER.***

Resolved by this House:

1 WHEREAS, Dorothy K. "Dottie" Osler died on February 21, 2003, at
2 the age of 79; and

3 WHEREAS, she served as a State Representative from 1973 until
4 1992, representing the 150th House District in the town of Greenwich;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, in her service as a State Representative, she was known
7 as a tremendously hard worker who paved the way for other women
8 in politics, and who helped break through the gender barriers for
9 women to reach leadership positions; and

10 WHEREAS, she served on the Committee on Education and the
11 Committee on Government Administration and Elections for her entire
12 two decades in the General Assembly, served as Ranking Member of

13 the Committee on Education for many years, served as Chairperson
14 and Ranking Member of the Program Review and Investigations
15 Committee, Ranking Member of the Committee on the Family and the
16 Workplace; and served as a member of the Committees on Legislative
17 Management, Environment, and Commerce and Exportation; and

18 WHEREAS, she was born and grew up in Ohio and graduated Phi
19 Beta Kappa from Miami University of Ohio, where she was president
20 of the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority; and

21 WHEREAS, she moved to Greenwich in 1953, where she was a Cub
22 Scout den mother and a member of the PTA, and was named president
23 of the League of Women Voters of Greenwich; and

24 WHEREAS, she was a member of the Representative Town Meeting
25 of Greenwich from 1970 to 1998, and was honored by the town of
26 Greenwich in October 1998 with a day in her name and a bench in
27 Binney Park;

28 WHEREAS, she served as President of the Connecticut Order of
29 Women Legislators and director of the American Association of
30 University Women, and also served as a member of the board of the
31 Connecticut Federation of Republican Women, a member of the
32 Student Loan Foundation, a member of the School Finance Advisory
33 Panel and Educational Equity Study Panel, and the Advisory
34 Committee of the Connecticut Pre-White House Conference on
35 Libraries; and

36 WHEREAS, she greatly enjoyed her hobbies of sailing and bird
37 watching; and

38 WHEREAS, she was widely regarded as the consummate lady,
39 always pleasant to everyone, who people enjoyed being around, and
40 as a person who did not seek out accolades, but instead quietly
41 worked to get things done; and

42 WHEREAS, she is survived by her husband of 56 years, David

43 Kohler Osler of Greenwich, two sons, Scott Osler of Natick,
44 Massachusetts, and David D. Osler of Stamford, a sister, Mary L.
45 Karstaedt of Dayton, Ohio, five grandchildren, and two great-
46 grandchildren.

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the House of
48 Representatives expresses its heartfelt condolences on the passing of
49 Dorothy "Dottie" Osler, friend and colleague, whose death is a
50 profound loss to the General Assembly, her friends and family, the
51 town of Greenwich, and the entire state of Connecticut; and

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk of the House of
53 Representatives cause a copy of this resolution to be sent to the family
54 of Dorothy Osler as an expression of the high esteem and affection in
55 which she was held.